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SUBJ: COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED TO STUDY CUSTOMS EXEMPTIONS

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED APRIL 19, THAT GOE MINFIN DR.
SALAH HAMAD, INTENDS TO ORDER ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE
TO REVISE CURRENT CUSTOMS EXEMPTIONS. ACCORDING DIRGEN
CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, REVENUES FROM CUSTOMS MAKE UP ALMOST
LE 530 MILLION OF CURRENT GENERAL BUDGET ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.
CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT HAS COLLECTED LE 100.9 MILLION AS OF
MARCH 1977. HOWEVER, EXEMPTIONS GRANTED TO VARIOUS AGENCIES
AND INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY WILL CAUSE GOE TO LOSE APPROXIMATELY
LE 176.7 MILLION IN REVENUES THIS YEAR, ACCORDING PRESS.

2. COMMENT: PRESS REPORTS ILLUSTRATE DILEMMA FACING GOE WHICH MUST FIND A WAY TO ELIMINATE MORE FLAGRANT ABUSES OF SYSTEM WHILE AT SAME TIME TRYING TO LIBERALIZE CONTROLS TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. EILTS

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